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DETERMINING A BLANK  
FORM OF AN ELASTIC  
COMPONENT

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**COMMENTS ON THE STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Sir:

This communication is in reply to the Examiner's statement of Reasons for Allowance on the May 14, 2009 Notice of Allowance in the above-referenced patent application. No extension of time petition or fee is required to accompany this communication.

In the Examiner's comments referenced above, Applicant respectfully submits that the Reasons for Allowance set forth only some of the features and elements of claims 21, 22, 24, 25, 27 and 28, and only represent some of the reasons why these claims are allowable. Applicant respectfully submits that a number of other features, elements, and functional relationships claimed in claims 21, 22, 24, 25, 27 and 28 provide additional and different bases for allowance of the claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that each of claims 21, 22, 24, 25, 27 and 28 are separately patentable based upon combinations of features, elements, and relationships thereof claimed in claims 21, 22, 24, 25, 27 and 28 rather than only upon any one feature, element, or sub-combination of features and/or elements as suggested in the Examiner's comments on the Notice of Allowability.

Respectfully submitted,

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